

LYNCHBURG PLANNING COMMISSION

April 26, 2006

4:00 p.m. Council Chambers, City Hall

Lynchburg Planning Commission Public Participation Policy at Meetings Public Hearings

1. The presentation by the Petitioner's representative(s) will be a maximum of ten (10) minutes. If it would be difficult to fully explain a complex proposal orally within the time limit, it is recommended that the petitioner submit in advance to the Planning Division staff written information that can be mailed to the Commission members.
2. Comments from a speaker representing an opposition group will be a maximum of ten (10) minutes.
3. Subsequent individual citizens wishing to speak will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes each.
4. At the end of the public hearing, each side will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes for final comments.
5. The Commission would prefer not to hear speakers whose comments are repetitive or are irrelevant to the petition at hand, but will recognize the number of people present in support or in opposition to the petition.
6. When the public hearing comments are completed for an item, the Chair will declare that the hearing is closed. The Commission will then go into a business session on that item, during which the public may remain present but will not be allowed to speak.
7. The Commission Chair will firmly and fairly enforce the above rules.

Other Agenda Items

The Commission agenda will frequently contain items which are not listed as public hearings. Such non-public hearing items include proposed subdivision plats, public street dedications, and street names. Public comments on such items are generally not encouraged. However, the Commission may at its discretion allow citizens to speak according to the rules listed above.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the March 22, and the April 12 2006 meetings.
2. Public Hearings
 - a. Consideration of adopting the Fifth Street Corridor Master Plan as part of the City's Comprehensive Plan 2002-2020. The master plan encompasses a two block area on both sides of Fifth Street extending from Church Street to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Bridge. The master plan proposes the revitalization of the Fifth Street Corridor as a mixed use urban street that would serve the surrounding neighborhoods of College Hill, Garland Hill, and Tinbridge Hill and link the Downtown/Riverfront with Midtown. The plan proposes the addition of on street parking to the northbound side of Fifth Street, wider sidewalks, and the installation of landscaping facilitated by the removal of one travel lane. The plan also proposes the creation of a modern roundabout at the intersections of Fifth and Federal Street.
3. Old/New Business
 - a. Hear from citizens concerning initiating the rezoning of the Federal Hill Historic District from R-3, Two-Family Residential District to R-2, Single-Family Residential District.
 - b. Natural Resources Advisory Committee
 - c. Housing Policy Committee
4. Next Regular Meeting Date – May 10, 2006 – 4:00 p.m.